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50X1 1. On the morning of 6 June 1955, a Soviet escort destroyer escorted by two smaller ships approached [] on a westerly course from Liepaja. However, at a point about six nautical miles from [] the vessels 50X1 broke off the approach and returned in the direction from which they came.

50X1 [] the destroyer was equipped with, and using, very modern radar devices. Two hours later the destroyer performed the same exercise. Another two hours later the vessel approached [] and maintained 50X1 contact for 45 minutes, maneuvering in the area. [] intercepted the 50X1 Soviet's intercom broadcasts and discovered that the Soviet commander ordered a dry-run torpedo exercise [] which was apparently successful. 50X1

2. That night there were some joint exercises among jet aircraft, surface vessels, and shore searchlight batteries.

3. Twenty-six photographs of the vessel have been deposited in the CIA Graphics Register.² Copies of the photos can be obtained from the CIA Graphics Register.

Comments:

- 50X1 1. [] was equipped to detect radar in use as well as the intercom broadcasts.
2. The photos show that the vessel was of the RIGA Class with pennant number 630.

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